



COVID-19 Safety Plan

Field Trip and Field Research Activities

Scope

UBC is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment. This safety plan details the COVID-19 measures and controls required for all UBC Vancouver field trip and field research activities. Field trip and field research organizers are required to complete a field work safety plan in addition to implementing these COVID-19 safety requirements. This plan is in alignment with criteria outlined by Public Health. Beyond COVID-19, this plan includes strategies to prevent the spread of communicable diseases on campus.

This plan applies to local and domestic (within Canada) destinations only. For field trip and field research activities outside these destinations, follow the relevant regional requirements for the area. Faculty/Departmental formal approval processes must be followed for those planning field trips outside of Canada. Contact ready.ubc@ubc.ca for more guidance.

Rationale

The University of British Columbia envisions a climate in which students, faculty and staff are provided with the best possible conditions for learning, researching and working. Above and beyond immunizations, infectious contacts throughout the post-secondary environment can be reduced using the prevention and control measures outlined in this plan.

Engagement and Review

COVID-19 Safety Plans have been developed in collaboration with Public Health, the Ministry of Advanced Education and WorkSafeBC.

This plan has been reviewed by UBC Vancouver's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees. Feedback and suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.

Regulatory Context

[Provincial Health Office Orders](#)

[Provincial and Regional Restrictions](#)

[Post-Secondary Go-Forward Guidelines](#)

[COVID-19 Return to Campus Guidelines](#)

[WorkSafeBC](#)



Responsibility

We can all contribute personally to the pandemic response and safety of our communities by getting vaccinated (as we are able), following UBC safety plans, performing a daily health check, staying home when sick, following handwashing and hygiene etiquette and following public health orders and guidelines both on and off campus.

It is up to each one of us to do our part, but it is our collective efforts that will make the difference.

UBC COVID-19 Rules

COVID-19 Campus Safety rules apply to all persons on campus. These rules confirm expectations of all members of the campus community, including:

- [Daily Health Self-Assessments](#) - required of everyone prior to attending campus
- [Stay home if you are sick](#): If you feel sick stay home use the [Thrive Health](#) self-assessment tool for guidance. Follow the advice from [Public Health](#).
- [Signage](#): Everyone must follow relevant signage when moving around UBC campuses or worksites.
- [COVID-19 safety plans & communicable disease plans](#): Supervisors will ensure that all faculty and staff are familiar with the latest guidance from the Provincial Health Officer as it relates to their work areas.
- [Requirement to wear Face Coverings](#) – Across the entire province all UBC members are required to wear an appropriate face covering when in indoor public spaces. For a complete list of exceptions and details on mask requirements, refer to the [UBC COVID-19 Campus Rules](#) and the province wide [Public Health Restrictions](#). For destinations outside BC, the relevant regional requirements for the area must be complied with.
- [Following direction of Public Health](#) - as it relates to PHO Orders, contact tracing and isolation requirements

For further information and complete list of rules, visit [COVID-19 Campus Rules](#). Frequently asked questions about COVID-19 protocols at UBC can be found [here](#).



Infection Control in Field Trips and Field Research Activities

Although the expected occupancy of field trips and field research activities is consistent with pre-COVID-19 levels, there are several controls that are being applied within these activities in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Everyone is encouraged to wipe down their own work surfaces and common equipment regularly. Shared areas must have a regular cleaning schedule.

Respiratory Etiquette and Hand Hygiene

Participants are expected to practice respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into their mask, a tissue or into the sleeve of their shirt. Occupants are also expected to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or make use of hand sanitizer stations. While organizers should provide hand sanitizer, everyone is encouraged to also carry their own hand sanitizer.

Signage

All participants are required to follow site-specific signage at all times.

Additional Resources and Support

To support and enhance the health and wellbeing of all students, UBC offers a variety of health resources available to the campus community. Visit the [Students Services website](#) for further information.

To support and enhance the health and wellbeing of all faculty and staff, UBC offers a variety of health resources available to the campus community. Visit UBC [Human Resources](#) for further information.

Communication Strategy

This Safety Plan will be posted on Safety & Risk Services' [website](#) and the [UBC Safe Vancouver App](#). Links to the plan should be included in communication to all participants. This plan should be printed and available on-site.

Monitoring and Continual improvement

Designated site supervisors will collaborate with Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees and Local Safety Teams to perform on-site reviews. Site reviews may be done remotely for Field Trip and Field Research activities.

Every effort is to be taken by all students, faculty and staff to promote an understanding of PHO Orders, COVID-19 Campus Rules and COVID-19 Safety Plans within the campus community. A respectful and educational approach is expected for all related interactions. Where faculty or staff are not comfortable addressing non-compliant behavior or feel that related interactions cannot be performed in a respectful



manner, matters should be referred to their supervisor. For further information and strategies, review the [Respectful Engagement guidance document](#).

Safety Concerns

Any concerns or questions should be initially sent to your direct supervisor. If unresolved, contact your [Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee representative](#) or ready.ubc@ubc.ca.